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## POLICE PRESENCE

# Squatting, Stepping Off Could Mean Steep Fines

Additional Officers Assigned to Patrol Parties,  
Monitor Drinking as Student Partying Resumes

By **MEGAN WILLIAMS**  
*The Breeze*

The difference between standing on the sidewalk and standing in the road is just a few inches. But add a cup of alcohol and the difference can be up to \$250 and an open container ticket.

Junior Cora Swider was one of the many students to learn the difference. Last weekend 335 people in Harrisonburg received alcohol violations, 121 of them were for having an open container of alcohol.

Swider, 19, hadn't even had a sip of alcohol yet. Upon arriving in Fox Hills last Friday night, she went into a friend's townhome and filled her cup. She walked outside to find that she hadn't turned off her car lights. One second she was walking to her car, the next she had stepped off the sidewalk and set her cup down to open her car door. By the time she had realized her mistake a police officer had appeared.

Swider tried to explain the situation but the officer issued her two tickets: one for open container and the other for underaged possession of alcohol.

"He said he wasn't trying to get me in trouble," Swider said. "I wanted to say, 'Then just give me a warning.'"

Swider chalked it up to just being

in the wrong place at the wrong time. While the tickets have not dissuaded her from going out to parties, she admits that next time she will be more aware of what she is doing.

While Swider may have felt that it was poor timing that contributed to her charges, it could have been the large amount of police presence last weekend that cost her.

Mary-Hope Gangwer, public information officer for the Harrisonburg Police Department, said that for the first few weekends of school, in addition to the usual force of officers on patrol, additional officers have been assigned specifically to monitor parties and drinking.

"We're not out there to arrest and charge as many people as we can," Gangwer said. "It's about individual safety."

While on a ride-along with an officer, Gangwer saw firsthand the student activity the first weekend of classes.

"If you're just driving around — even if you're not law enforcement — you can just see a lot of open containers, stumbling. Visibly, it is pretty obvious what was going on," Gangwer said. "There are a lot of people out, and a lot of alcohol."

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HOLLY FOURNIER/The Breeze

## Stricken Cyclist, Father Of Freshman Identified By Wedding Band

By **KATIE THISDELL**  
*The Breeze*

The funeral was held Saturday in Virginia Beach for the cyclist that was fatally hit by a car on Port Republic Road on Tuesday.

Joseph Mirenda, from Virginia Beach, was riding 50 miles from Wintergreen Resort to Harrisonburg to surprise his son Nic Mirenda, a freshman at JMU.

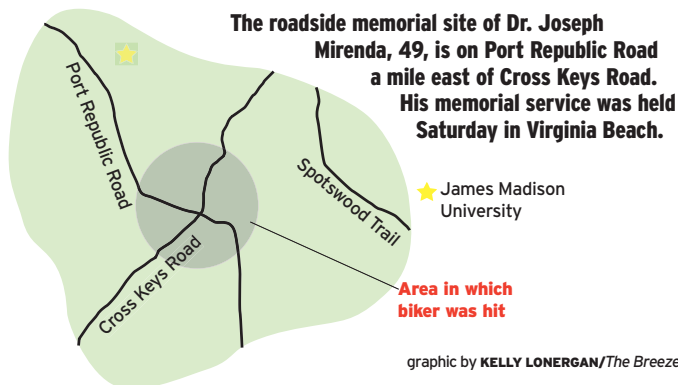
The 49-year-old was struck by a four-door car as he rode into the city a mile east of Cross Keys Road.

The driver of the 2000 Ford Taurus, 22-year-old Jessica Chandler, has not been charged. The investigation is ongoing.

Police were called to the scene around 10:30 a.m. First Sgt. Bryan Hutcheson said it took an extended amount of time to identify the cyclist because he was not carrying any forms of ID.

Mirenda's family called police when they weren't able to reach him Tuesday. Police were able to identify his body based on the wedding ring he was wearing, which was engraved with "Frauke & Joe" and his wedding date, 9-24-88. Frauke is Joseph Mirenda's wife.

Joseph Mirenda was a cardiac anesthesiologist at Norfolk General Hospital.



graphic by **KELLY LONERGAN**/The Breeze

**Nic Mirenda commented on the article at the Daily News-Record's Web site on Thursday:**

"My dad has been cycling for more years than I can remember. I have cycled with him several times and he is very experienced and knows to obey all traffic laws. I can't be sure of how he was acting at this moment but I know for sure he was doing his best to obey all traffic laws and to ride as far to the right of the road as possible. The police officer who informed me of the event said that he was hit from behind and never knew a thing. And I thank God so much that

he didn't have to suffer. I don't know who to blame for his death. right now it doesn't matter to me. I'm sorry for the driver and I hope she doesn't get charged because I am sure having to live with this is hard enough.

My father died doing something he loved. And he will be with me forever. All I ask is that everyone please be careful when they drive, cycle, whatever. And please pray for my mother and sister, they have it the hardest."

*The Washington Post*

Funerals are being held today in Lynchburg for the two slain Virginia Tech sophomores, following Friday's impromptu campus memorial service and Sunday's viewings.

Heidi Childs, 18, and David Metzler, 19, were found fatally shot Thursday morning in a national park about 15 miles from campus. Police said Sunday that they had no suspects and the case was still ongoing.

Montgomery County sheriff's officials said a passerby at Caldwell Fields, a popular hangout for Virginia Tech students in Jefferson National Forest, found the couple dead in the parking area about 8 a.m. Thursday. Metzler was in his car, and Childs was outside the car.

Lt. Brian Wright of the sheriff's office said the pair apparently went alone to the remote area, where people camp and picnic. They were last heard from Wednesday night. He said no guns were found at the scene.

Wright said investigators have not found links to any other crimes and are

asking anyone who had been in contact with the couple to call.

"You have two real good kids just trying to have a nice evening, and they were killed for apparently no reason," Wright said.

This was the third tragedy to hit Virginia Tech in the past two years. In April 2007, Blacksburg was the site of the worst mass killing by an individual in U.S. history when a troubled student fatally shot 32 people and himself. In January, a student was decapitated in a campus cafe, and a classmate was charged.

In a letter to the campus community, Virginia Tech President Charles Steger urged students to seek support and solace from one another or counselors.

"Once again, this community is visited by senseless violence and tragedy upon aspiring young minds from our campus," Steger wrote. "I know that many of you likely have complex feelings about now. How can this happen in this area, at this time, to this community?"

Compiled from a Washington Post article originally printed on Saturday.

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## Fighting Fire and Brimstone



EVAN MCGREW/The Breeze

Sophomore Andy McFarlin silently protests open-air preacher Brother Micah Armstrong on the commons Friday. Micah preached to an audience for hours, even during a rain shower. In his usual fashion, Armstrong shouted at those who vocally opposed him and even had a push-up competition with one student (Armstrong lost).



# Nation&World

## Obama Rallying For Afghan War Support

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is racing to demonstrate visible headway in the faltering war in Afghanistan, convinced it has only until next summer to slow a hemorrhage in U.S. support and win more time for the military and diplomatic strategy it hopes can rescue the eight-year-old effort.

But the administration's challenge in Afghanistan is becoming more difficult as it faces gains by the Taliban, rising American casualties, a weak Afghan government widely viewed as corrupt, and a sense among U.S. commanders that they largely must start the military effort from scratch nearly eight years after it began.

A turnaround is crucial because strategists believe more troops will be needed in coming months, but do not believe they can obtain the additional resources if they fail to show that their new approach is working, U.S. officials and advisers say.

"Over the next 12 to 15 months, among the things you absolutely, positively have to do is persuade a skeptical American public that this can work, that you have a plan and a strategy that is feasible," said Stephen Biddle, a military expert who advises the U.S.-led command in Afghanistan.

A similarly urgent view was voiced by military and diplomatic officials who described the administration's goals and self-imposed deadline during recent interviews in Afghanistan and Washington. Most spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to comment publicly.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates, in an interview last month, first pointed publicly to the need for progress by next year. Since then, the goal has spanned the administration's international diplomatic efforts, its aid program for the Afghan government and its combat strategy.

Unlike during the Bush administration years, when Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld warred with other Cabinet members, particularly in the State Department, Gates' assessment appears to be shared by every other major Obama administration player. At the White House, State Department and elsewhere, officials agreed on the need for rapid progress in key areas.

Besides reversing Taliban advances and strengthening the central government, U.S. officials will strive to hold the NATO alliance

intact while reshuffling deployments to consolidate gains, especially in the eastern part of the country, near the Pakistani border.

Administration goals also include stemming Afghan government corruption, improving security forces, especially the police, and reducing violence through efforts such as wooing insurgents.

## 1,500 Mourners Flock To Kennedy's Service

WASHINGTON — On the day he was carried to his final resting place, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy was remembered Saturday as a legislator of almost unequalled prowess, a political force who left a lasting imprint on the country, and a husband, father and patriarch whose private acts of love and devotion helped his star-crossed family endure tragedy and misfortune.

President Barack Obama led the mourners at a solemn Roman Catholic Mass attended by 1,500 people, including three former presidents, at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Hope in Boston, where the Kennedy family dynasty was born. A steady rain fell, adding an elegiac touch to a day already drenched in sorrow.

After a last flight to Washington, the Massachusetts senator who served for 47 years was laid to rest in gathering darkness near his two slain brothers, John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy, on sloping ground at Arlington National Cemetery.

Kennedy, D-Mass., died Tuesday night after being diagnosed with brain cancer more than a year ago. His death produced an outpouring of emotion and tributes from around the world that was captured eloquently on Saturday.

"We do not weep for him today because of the prestige attached to his name or his office," Obama told the friends, dignitaries and Kennedy family members seated in the majestic basilica in Boston. "We weep because we loved this kind and tender hero who persevered through pain and tragedy, not for the sake of ambition or vanity, not for wealth or power, but only for the people and the country he loved."

The president's remarks were largely shorn of political overtones, as he concentrated on the example Kennedy set for fellow politicians and ordinary citizens alike through his public and private works. "The greatest expectations were placed upon Ted Kennedy's

shoulders because of who he was, but he surpassed them all because of who he became," he said.

## Southern California Fires Triple in Size

LOS ANGELES — The fire in Southern California's Angeles National Forest tripled in size over the weekend, spreading rapidly to the east and west and prompting the evacuation of at least 4,000 homes in a broad swath of Los Angeles' foothill neighborhoods as temperatures reached triple digits and flames drew closer to homes.

Three to five homes in rural Big Tujunga Canyon were lost, authorities said.

Three civilians were airlifted out for medical attention after being burned in the Big Tujunga Canyon area, said Bruce Quintelier, fire information officer for Angeles National Forest. No additional details were available.

He said the fire north of Los Angeles was moving in all directions: "It's moved over to Altadena, southeast of where it started; it's moved north, east and southwest. It's been basically moving all over the place," Quintelier said. "There have been spot fires that have flared up during the day and caused a lot of ash and smoke to be spewed up in the air."

In Glendale, north of downtown Los Angeles, Joanna Linkchorst, 42, was waiting with her 14-year-old daughter, Kate, and 10-year-old son, Sam, for her husband to return home — dashing around the house videotaping her belongings. Sam was choosing toys — a helicopter and juggling cubes — to take with him to a relative's home while Kate packed library books.

Temperatures topping 100 degrees, with single-digit humidity and the steep, rugged topography of Angeles National Forest make the fire a formidable foe despite low winds, fire officials said.

Massive and ominous-looking smoke plumes continue to envelop the Los Angeles area and have made for poor air quality, falling ash and smoky odors in the nearest communities, the San Fernando Valley and other parts of the Los Angeles Basin.

Adding fuel to the fire is 20- to 30-foot-high brush that has not burned in 60 years, said Mike Dietrich, incident commander for the U.S. Forest Service.

—The Washington Post and Los Angeles Times

## CORRECTION

In the Thursday, Aug. 27 issue of *The Breeze* there was incorrect information about the Third Eye Blind Fall Convocation Center concert. The tickets for the concert are \$26 with a JACard, and there is a two-ticket limit with this discount.

The reserved seating price without a JACard is \$31, and all floor tickets are \$31. There is a limit of eight tickets available per non-JACard purchase. *The Breeze* regrets the error.

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# Aid Appeals Accruing for JMU

Students Request More Money From Financial Aid to Balance Effects of the Economy

By AMY PASSARETTI  
The Breeze

Both of Kelly Joy's parents lost their jobs in September 2008 and her family had accumulated medical bills totaling nearly \$20,000. However, on paper the freshman's family looked like they had sufficient funds to support college expenses, so they didn't receive nearly enough financial aid from JMU.

"There are extenuating circumstances and numbers can look deceiving," said Karen Joy, Kelly's mother.

This is just one of more than 500 cases where a JMU student has had to appeal his or her financial aid for the current school year. This number already exceeds the 421 appeals received for the entire 2008-09 school year.

"A high majority of our appeals are due to job losses and the economy; this year more than ever," said Brad Barnett, senior associate director of the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships.

According to Barnett, the amount of money a student receives is based on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form for financial eligibility, which awards different grants from the government based on what is financially needed.

In the Joy case, the Estimated Family Contribution amount from the FAFSA form (measuring a family's financial strength) came back higher than expected, and they had to sell some of their 401K to pay medical bills, so it

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## FINANCIAL AID COMPARED» 2004-05 vs. 2008-09

Aid Program	2004-05	2008-09	\$ Change	% Change
Pell Grant	\$3,600,000	\$5,071,000	+\$1,471,000	40.8%
SEOG	\$191,000	\$158,000	-\$33,000	-17.3%
ACG	\$0	\$318,000	+\$318,000	N/A
SMART	\$0	\$98,000	\$98,000	N/A
CSAP	\$125,000	\$123,000	-\$2,000	-1.6%
VSFAP	\$4,348,000	\$6,069,000	+\$1,721,000	39.6%
Institutional Scholarships	\$1,489,000	\$1,907,000	+\$418,000	28.1%
Athletic Scholarships	\$3,426,000	\$5,266,000	+\$1,840,000	53.7%
University Grant	\$1,278,000	\$3,375,000	+\$2,097,000	164%
TOTAL (millions)	\$14.5	\$22.4	\$7.93	54.7%

source: JMU

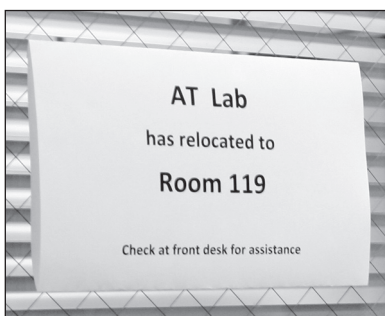
More than 500 students have already appealed their financial aid decision, which is about 20 percent more appeals for the entire 2008-09 school year.  
\*numbers are rounded to nearest thousandth

# Office Displaces Technology Lab

Former University President Gets Office in Namesake Library Moving Lab to a Smaller Room

Carrier Library is named in honor of Ronald Carrier, former JMU president. Carrier has worked as a distinguished visiting scholar at LMI Government Consulting, a strategic consulting organization that helps leaders and managers make effective decisions.

"It's not uncommon for a president emeritus to have an office on campus, especially in a library," Alberico said. "He's at a point in his career now where he probably wants to settle in, maybe write his memoirs ... and generally help the university."



PHOTOS BY KATIE THISDELL / The Breeze

By KATIE THISDELL  
The Breeze

Just a year ago, the Assistive Technology Lab in Carrier Library was revamped with new paint, new carpet and new furniture. While the lab had a fresh look for its students, it is undergoing more changes again.

Room 102 has another coat of paint, new carpet and new furniture — this time, for Ronald Carrier, former university president and namesake for the library.

The lab, which has equipment to help students with disabilities, has moved to room 119 on another first-floor hallway. While still accessible to students needing assistance, the lab is now about half its former size, leaving some students upset that their resources are changing.

"It was a little alarming, because no one likes to be in a closet," said junior Matthew Lohr, a peer mentor for Disability Services. Describing the atmosphere of the former lab, which featured two windows and ample workspace, he said, "It's no wonder why someone would want that as an office."

The AT labs offers specialized programs that help students and faculty who may otherwise have learning difficulties. This includes software that transmits text to speech and zooms in on text. Room 102 had at least four comfortably spaced workstations, according to Lohr.

"It was a room that I know I've seen people use

when I've been in there, not like a room that is stagnant that no one comes to," Lohr said.

The new space, which was ready for students to officially use last Wednesday, also has four workstations and a desk.

"We don't know how this change occurred, we don't know who said what," said senior Mara Bellino, a peer mentor that designed the lab last year. "It's just disappointing because I feel like we've made a couple steps forward."

Lohr added, "But now we have to take one step back."

"Not bad to be in a building named in your honor."

— RONALD CARRIER  
former president of JMU

The Breeze received two lengthy e-mail complaints about the smaller space but the senders declined to speak about the issue on the record.

Valerie Schoolcraft, director of Disability Services, said the change was a surprise to her department over the summer.

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## Ronald Carrier: UNIVERSITY IMPACT

Ronald Carrier served as the president of the university for 27 years, and many people say he made JMU the respected institution that it is now.

During that time, Carrier focused on academics and athletics, which helped JMU enroll more men than previously. He aligned the university into academic schools and increased the number of graduate programs.

When he retired in 1998, JMU had more than 14,000 students, 40 new buildings and 100 more acres that stretched across Interstate 81. U.S. News & World Report also named JMU as the finest public master's level university in the South the same year.

He has not had an office on campus since he retired from his position in 1998, except for a short stay in the former Medical Arts Complex, he explained in an e-mail.

"Dr. Rose kindly offered me the Library and an office at Technology Drive," Carrier said. "I visited both. It just felt great to be back on campus. Returning brought back beautiful memories of some great times experiencing the growth of the college to a university."

# Candidate Battles Gang Issue

Dem. Steve Shannon Addresses Harrisonburg Residents Downtown



courtesy STEVE SHANNON CAMPAIGN

Steve Shannon is the Democrat running for attorney general in November's Virginia elections.

By MEGAN WILLIAMS  
The Breeze

Three violent crimes were committed in Virginia during the 15 minutes that Steve Shannon spoke downtown at Old Dominion Coffee on Saturday.

That's why, the Democrat said, he was running for attorney general. He wants to change that statistic.

The Fairfax delegate and former prosecutor spoke to Harrisonburg locals and students about gang violence in Virginia and how he would combat it if elected in November.

"Every time I come to the Valley, at least one person asks me a question about gangs," Shannon said. "Gang violence is at its highest point since 2000."

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— STEVE SHANNON  
Democratic candidate for Va. attorney general

Shannon spoke about his plan, which includes keeping children out of gangs through mentor programs and putting gang recruiters in prison. He hopes to ensure that people, and their families, who testify against gang violence are safe. He plans to work with federal and local authorities and attorneys general in other states to get the best information and law enforcement.

His Republican opponent, Virginia Sen. Ken Cuccinelli, also wants to crack down on gang-related violence with harsher penalties for recruiters and participants, according to his Web site.

Along with Valley residents, a small contingency of young Democrats and JMU Democrats came to hear Shannon speak.

"Being from Northern Virginia where gang violence is really bad, his message really hit home," junior Andy Eblin said. "It's something that needs to be taken care of now, as much as possible."

Said sophomore Melanie Goff: "He has a really good position. It seems like he's going to watch over public safety, and not just be

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# Grants Given to Bolster Sustainability Efforts

By ALLIE CONROY  
contributing writer

A \$750,000 grant aims to make JMU a model of sustainability for the Shenandoah Valley and the country.

While the national program 25x'25 encourages 25 percent renewable energy by the year 2025, Kenneth Newbold, Jr., director of Research Development, said JMU is trying to advance it even more.

Students in professor Chris Bachmann's ISAT 580/480 class will be leaders in this project.

"We are going to be developing a plan here in this class at the very same time that the experts from around the state of Virginia are going to be developing their plan for the state," Bachmann said.

They are already starting research on power and transportation energy consumption patterns, as well as

resource availability. Their goal is to define energy problems, propose solutions and formulate a plan for renewable energy in the valley.

"What I really like about this class is that it is going to be as real as possible," junior ISAT major Jason Carwell said. "It is going to be a very unique opportunity and could have real-world implications and actually be put into effect in the Shenandoah Valley."

Students will learn about energy issues by taking various field trips and hearing guest speakers so they are able to propose useful solutions. They hope to see examples of wood-fired biomass, wind farms and a pump-storage facility.

Bachmann's students will attend the Commonwealth of Virginia Energy and Sustainability Conference in October in Lexington, where representatives from large industries, environmental



graphic by KELLY LONERGAN / The Breeze

organizations and the governor's office will congregate and discuss problems and solutions for energy in Virginia.

So where is the money going exactly? JMU will use the money to launch an educational campaign for the entire

## Grants: OTHER FUTURE PROJECTS

Another grant worth \$30,000 will be for filtering pollutants from rainwater at JMU.

The project, Community Solutions to Stormwater Pollution, will put a rain garden near the tennis courts and rain barrels in the arboretum.

"We are hoping to use this project as an educational display, and we are going to put up some signage with it," said Abram Kaufman, the storm water coordinator for Facilities Management.

Shenandoah Valley. Bachmann discussed plans for a board of advisers to head the campaign.

Sustainable technologies at JMU will be a part of the grant budget as well. Research is underway to decide which

The 4,500 square foot rain garden will treat runoff from the 4.5-acre R1 lot. Rain barrels will collect rainwater and irrigate surrounding flowerbeds. The grant includes placing 300 square feet of pervious concrete around campus.

The money comes from the Chesapeake Bay Program and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

While no students are actively involved, Kaufman hopes some will work with the projects next fall or spring.

are best.

"We want to have the technologies here on campus where they are visible, where people can see them and interact with them and understand some of the problems with them," Bachmann said.



# ALCOHOL | Students: Too Much Police Force

from front

She explained that when officers are in a high-density situation such as patrolling a block party, the protocol for approaching people or issuing arrests changes depending on the situation.

Sometimes officers will handcuff an individual to question him or her if they feel the person is a risk to himself or others around him or her. Also, if officers feel the person may run away, they will use this method of “investigative detention.”

“When you have that many people that close together you have to be extra careful when dealing with someone who appears intoxicated,” Gangwer said.

Although this protocol is in place to protect the officers and others around them, students have voiced accusations of too much police force, whether physically or verbally.

Nineteen-year-old sophomore Nedj Alsagoff was in Forest Hills with friend Danielle Hagedoorn the Friday before classes began. The two were outside a house and due to the amount of people around them, couldn’t get inside to use the bathroom. The two decided to relieve themselves outside the house. Before Alsagoff had a chance, however, the two were being issued tickets for urinating in public.

“I just heard ‘Stop right there, I see you squatting,’” Alsagoff said. “They were really big assholes to us.”

While issuing the tickets, the officer questioning Alsagoff’s friend accused her of not being a JMU student and threatened to take her to jail.

“They just kept saying, ‘Don’t you know I could take you to jail at anytime? I can arrest you,’” Alsagoff said. “They treated us very rudely.”

Alsagoff and Hagedoorn were each given \$96 tickets, and although they had been drinking, were not charged with anything else. She said she knew that it was her fault but felt that she wasn’t treated respectfully. She was also surprised that given the activity going on around her, it was she and her friend who were given tickets.

“There were so many people out front doing a lot of worse things,” Alsagoff said, “and a lot more drunk. It sucks that they had to pick us.”

Although many arrests were made over a four-day period, officers were also stationed specifically to make sure students were safe, including certain wooded areas that are commonly used as shortcuts between apartment complexes.

“If they’re by themselves stumbling around in the woods, they’re a danger to themselves,” Gangwer said.

While many students feel the amount of police activity in Harrisonburg these past weekends has been excessive and hope that it will lessen as the semester progresses, the police presence is meant to ensure safety, Gangwer said.

**According to HPD, to avoid an alcohol citation, make sure you’re aware of Virginia and Harrisonburg alcohol laws:**

■ If you are under 21 years of age, do not consume, possess or attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages.

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■ Always have a safe way to get home if you have been drinking. Call a cab, SafeRides or take the bus. Do not drive or accept a ride from someone who has been drinking.

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# CARRIER | Move is Part of ‘Universal Design’ for Campus

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“It’s one of those things,” Schoolcraft said, but added that the library immediately stepped in to help. She said that they are still working on the best arrangement for the room.

While the space is a visible change, Disability Services has a lot of behind-the-scenes action that Schoolcraft said is improving the department, including its larger Student Success Training Room, a separate Peer Mentor office and a faster textbook scanning process.

Calling himself the “landlord” of the library, Ralph Alberico, who is also the dean of Libraries and Educational Technology, helped find the office space for Carrier.

“If the concerns are that the students won’t be supported as well, I don’t think that’s the case,” Alberico said. “The square footage is adequate to serve the needs.”

Alberico said the East Campus Library’s AT lab (room 1204) is similarly sized to room 1119.

He said Carrier was not involved in choosing where his office space would be and that Carrier was surprised when he learned that the lab would have to move.

Carrier would not discuss the technology lab beyond three initial e-mails, but he said he would move his office space if students did not have appropriate facilities.

Randy Mitchell, associate vice president for Student Success, said the move is part of a “universal design” the university is adopting, which integrates people in more common spaces while not isolating groups. While the actual technology for the lab is separate, because it requires a quieter environment, Mitchell said students are also encouraged to use the common area in the library. He said the lab is also closer to library staff.

“There’s always going to be movement of offices and services,” Mitchell said as he explained how some people refer to the letters JMU as meaning “Just Move Us.” “Over time, we wanted more integration anyway.”

**“There’s always going to be movement of offices and services.”**  
— RANDY MITCHELL  
associate VP for Student Success

# AID | Work Study Offers Income Not on FAFSA

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looked like they had more money than they really did.

“They probably thought I was crazy,” said Karen Joy, who appealed their case by including all medical records and a form from their home state of Massachusetts, basically deeming them destitute.

However, JMU was able to grant them nearly \$8,000, plus work-study for Kelly. Work-study provides students with part-time work, with flexible hours and does not count toward income on next year’s FAFSA form.

According to Barnett, JMU receives money from the State Council of Higher Education to ration out to students. This year JMU is already out of grant money in a number of accounts and will not receive more until the next school year.

“The amount of money allocated [as grant money] is not increasing to keep up with the need level,” Barnett said.

Freshman Tess Rusin was \$300 short of what she needed and denied federal work-study, but chose to not appeal her

decision.

“It seems like a lot more paperwork you could screw up on,” Rusin said.

However, Karen Joy and freshman Nathan Gredler, a music education major, both feel the process was efficient and was done easily once the initial appeal was sent.

Joy called the financial aid office at JMU when she didn’t get a response right away, but within a few days the money was up on e-campus to be accepted or denied.

“As soon as I made that call, everything went pretty fast,” she said.

Joy was also surprised to find so many others in similar situations.

“I didn’t realize they had received so many,” Joy said. “How do you figure out who’s needier than the next?”

Barnett said money is given based on what is available from JMU at the time the appeal is made.

Gredler was originally granted \$5,000 before attending JMU, but once his local scholarships were taken into effect, that number decreased to \$2,000. His mother, who brings in “90 percent” of the family income, lost her job in January.

The FAFSA showed only her income from the previous year, though.

Gredler appealed to the financial aid office in June, which was slow at first since there was a “back log” in the office, but within the month he received more money.

“It exceeded my expectations as far as the additional grants that came up,” Gredler said.

He only had to take out loans for his textbooks since he qualified for a Pell grant (money he doesn’t have to pay back) providing him with more money, after his records were adjusted to the current income of his family.

“It’s the silver lining, if you can call it that, of unemployment,” Gredler said.

Barnett said a lot of other appeals stem from out-of-pocket medical expenses, death in a family or other “unusual things that happen in life you can’t anticipate.”

“The fact that we have an increase of almost 20 percent in written appeals for 2009-10 is only part of the story,” Barnett said in an e-mail. “By the end of the year this number is likely to be higher.”

# SHANNON | Helped Develop AMBER Alert System for State

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someone who is just going to be there [in the position] just to be there.”

During his speech, Shannon mentioned that he was the architect of Virginia’s first AMBER Alert system, which warns citizens when a child is missing. He also shared a personal experience from his time as a prosecutor in Fairfax, which was a key factor in his choice to run for attorney general.

As one of two prosecutors working with child victims in Fairfax, Shannon knew part of his job was ensuring very young witnesses were confident enough to speak in court while having to face the person who allegedly hurt them. During a trial involving an 8-year-old girl,


Shannon realized that his role in public safety was “standing between people who would do bad things to society... and those people who are vulnerable.”

Before and after his speech, Shannon walked around introducing himself and answering questions.




Theresa Martin of Weyers Cave, a town 15 minutes south of Harrisonburg, heard about Shannon from her daughter.

“She said he’s very dedicated to the people. She says he’ll fight for Virginians,” Martin said. “I wanted to come and find out for myself.” After hearing him speak, and talking with him herself, she agreed with her daughter that Shannon seemed like he would try and protect Virginia citizens.

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EDITORIAL

## Effective Strategy?

DESPITE EFFORTS TAKEN by Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation and JMU to curtail underaged and binge drinking, the fact remains that cutting bus services will not cut down student drinking. With the decision to cut the iconic “drunk bus” schedule short one hour, which now stops running at 2 a.m. rather than 3 a.m., JMU apparently hopes to curb its students’ hard-partying ways.

BUT WHAT EFFECT will this actually have on the student body?

THOSE WHO TAKE the “drunk bus” use this public service because it’s free and convenient. Those Cinderellas who stay out after the clock strikes 2 must now seek other — perhaps less safe — alternatives to getting home. SafeRides, JMU’s cab alternative, may be clogged with clamoring students eager for a free ride. Those impatient students not willing to pay for a cab may choose to use their own two feet. This will cause more people to walk (or stumble) home in the middle of the night. Needless to say, students have reason for concern: Past incidents have shown that the midnight trek home is not always the safest option.

STUDENTS UNAWARE of this schedule change are likely to be stranded at bus stops past 2 a.m. While more stops have been added to the route in light of the shorter run time, retiring the buses early will quite simply not address the problem JMU is tiptoeing around.

## Standing Close By

YET AGAIN WE ARE LEFT TO MOURN. We were shocked and disturbed to hear that two students at our neighbor Virginia Tech were murdered last week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Heidi Childs, 18, and David Metzler, 19, as well as the whole Hokie community.

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A **“semi-charmed-life”** pat to UPB for bringing Third Eye Blind to campus.

*From an excited senior who hasn’t been able to see out of her third eye since she was 11.*

A **“you-gonna-eat-that?”** dart to the folks in charge of Sbarro who throw away several pizzas every night.  
*From a hungry sophomore who wishes he could eat leftover pizza.*

A **“what-good-is-E-hall?”** dart to Dining Services for not having a takeout place open until 3 p.m. on Sunday.  
*From a hungry weekend worker who doesn’t always have time to sit down for a meal.*

A **“learn-to-hold-your-liquor”** dart to the freshman girl who peed on the “drunk bus” Saturday night.  
*From four junior girls who can.*

JOHN SCOTT | *contributing writer*

## Rest in Peace, Hillside Tailgating

I reported in last Monday’s column that student tailgating in the Hillside lot is history. The JMU Ticket Office has reserved the lot for donors and season ticket holders to park and tailgate. Last week, I conducted a phone and e-mail interview with Michael Carpenter, who works in the JMU Ticket Office. He was very helpful in explaining the tailgating situation. He said that the decision was made by “upper administration” (just as I had feared) last spring based on input from three offices: athletics, parking services and public safety.

Of course it’s great that the university is selling more tickets, but let’s consider this. Aren’t the students technically paying the most for these tickets? I thought the idea behind us having free tickets with a simple showing of the JACard was because we paid tuition at this university.

I would be somewhat OK with the notion that the lot was reserved for donors and season ticket holders simply because of increased ticket sales, but that simply isn’t the case. Mr. Carpenter cited “controlling underage[d] excessive drinking” as another reason. A specific concern was the safety of the Hillside area dorm residents. It’s as though public safety enlisted the help of the ticket office to combat the drinking issue associated with tailgating. Well, I’m 21. I have tailgated in Hillside with my 21 year-old friends and would very much have liked to continue to do so this year. It is simply bad policy to regulate everyone simply because of the mistakes of the few.

I also want to discuss this notion that the Hillside dorms are in inherent danger from tailgaters. Apparently during the first few games, residents of Hillside let in tailgaters for various reasons, including to use the restrooms. I never lived in a Hillside dorm, but I interviewed an individual who formerly lived there. Senior Andrew Elgert, Speaker of the Student Senate and a former resident of McGraw-Long Hall said, “The RAs and Hall Directors told [the residents] not to open the doors for tailgaters but some residents did anyway. The tailgaters made a mess, but the residents learned after a couple of weekends not to open the doors [to the tailgaters].” Exactly my point. Residents used common sense and good judgment and turned away tailgaters. This type of self-regulation is ideal in this situation.

So where will individuals who usually tailgate in Hillside go now? Festival? Memorial? Warsaw Deck? Absolutely not. This means one of two things. We will either pack ourselves into the baseball lot like sardines in a can, rubbing elbows with each other while we enjoy our beverages in 90-degree heat, or we will simply mingle out into the surrounding Harrisonburg area. I wonder if the Office of Public Safety contacted the Harrisonburg Police Department to give them a heads up about this move. My point is that the student drinking will not decrease, it will merely disperse into surrounding areas. Mr. Carpenter agreed, “You’re right, it’s just gonna go somewhere else.”

*It’s as though public safety enlisted the help of the ticket office to combat the drinking issue associated with tailgating.*

Where is the public announcement about this change? Mr. Carpenter explained that public announcements will come out before the first game of the season next week. I think it’s outrageous that every student I tell about this change had no idea. One of the reasons students were unaware was because of the lack of student input on the decision. Mr. Carpenter did say that the Student Duke Club had a voice in this decision. However, when I called Student Body President Candace Avalos to ask for her official comment, she couldn’t provide one because she was not even aware of the situation.

The tailgating situation is another perfect example of how the administration has a very large amount of power and makes decisions that directly affect the students, with usually little to no student input. I made this point in my first article and will continue to make this important point whenever I can.

Rest in peace Hillside tailgating, we enjoyed you while you were available.

**JOHN SCOTT** is a senior writing, rhetoric & technical communication major.

An **“I’ve-done-this-before”** dart to the officers patrolling pedestrians at the spotlight in front of the Village.  
*From a girl who has been looking both ways since kindergarten.*

A **“that’s-more-like-it”** pat to the girls I have seen wearing cute cowgirl boots around campus.  
*From a veteran JMU student who is hoping the age of the Uggs has passed.*

A **“take-it-inside”** dart to the couple straddling each other on the Converse lawn Sunday afternoon.  
*From a sexually frustrated senior who didn’t get any last night.*

A **“the-world-is-your-dance-floor”** pat to the girl at UREC rocking out.  
*From a girl who wants to know how she can borrow your playlist.*

A **“thanks-for-not-growing-up”** pat to the boys playing four square behind my apartment in Squire Hill.  
*From a jealous student who should have joined you.*

A **“those-shoes-belong-in-A.D.-79”** dart to the girls wearing gladiator sandals.  
*From a lover of ancient Rome who believes that style went out a couple thousand years ago.*

A **“silent-but-deadly”** pat to the people holding up signs to combat the fallacious arguments of Brother Micah.  
*From a religiously tolerant sophomore.*

A **“fun-sucker”** dart to state troopers for making us evacuate Blue Hole.  
*From an unhappy first timer.*

DREW BEGGS

*The Breeze*

## Americans Should Lose Trust Over Right-Wing Rants

False advertising laws protect the public from commercial lies. However, the only thing that protects people from political lies is each individual’s skepticism.

On camera, politicians treat the average American with respect, coming down to a more humble level in their town hall meetings to discuss issues with “regular” people.

Their most recent actions involving health care reform reveal what they actually think of Americans.

Right-wing leaders, heads of the GOP, fed the country lies, knowing they would be believed. Sarah Palin started rumors about “death panels” on her Facebook page. Iowa Congressman Steve King began the lie about millions of illegal immigrants qualifying for taxpayer-funded health insurance. Special interest groups distort information, making claims of shrinking benefits and government-controlled care.

They started such fairytales not thinking that more active and informed conservatives would fact check and correct, not thinking that there might be a chance they would be exposed as nothing but propaganda pushers, not wondering if their ploy would work. But knowing with a zealot-like faith, that they would be believed and the American people would act accordingly.

*Right-wing leaders, heads of the GOP, fed the country lies, knowing they would be believed.*

Are you not offended? Are you not insulted?

This type of conduct is certainly not exclusive to the right-wing, but left-wing deception of such magnitude evades recent memory.

Just think, the most damage that the right-wing could do against Obama’s health care reform was make up stories about death panels and have extremists cry “Nazi.” Accusations that were completely false and known to be false by those propagating them.

America trusted them, voted them into office, or else allowed them to be. They told the country outright nightmares knowing that Americans would rally around them. If the accusations had been true, perhaps such a rally could have been justified. But they weren’t.

Regardless of why you believed death panels and “concentration camps,” how can you trust what the right-wing says next? They lied to you on purpose, knowing how you would react. They treat you like the mob, the masses, mere sheep, a faceless force to be influenced and used.

Will you let them treat you like this? Reject their rhetoric. Reject their slogans and rallying calls. Sift through the dirt they dump at your feet.

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## Students Should Reconsider Federal, Private Loans

Many students are forced to take out loans to finance college, but more and more are making the wrong decision by choosing private loans over federal loans.

According to a report released Tuesday by the Project on Student Debt, almost two-thirds of students who took out private loans in 2007-08 did not borrow the maximum amount in federal Stafford loans.

Debt is a serious issue for many graduates, yet today’s students aren’t taking full advantage of the cheapest loans available. If they fully utilize federal

loans, they may not need costly private loans, which the report refers to as “one of the riskiest ways to finance a college education.”

Private loans often have higher interest rates and offer students less protection than federal loans.

The report analyzed data from the U.S. Department of Education’s National Postsecondary Student Aid Study and found that despite their disadvantages, the percentage of undergraduates with private loans had risen from five percent in 2003-04 to 14 percent in 2007-08.

The amount of money borrowed

doubled from \$7.2 billion in 2003-04 to \$15 billion in 2007-08.

Most surprisingly, 26 percent of students with private loans didn’t take out any Stafford loans at all, even though nearly half of them took the time to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

There is no good reason why undergraduates should pass over federal loans. Even experts are baffled as to why more students are taking the expensive route.

Lauren J. Asher, president of the Institute for College Access and Success, which runs the Project on Student Debt,

said to *The Chronicle of Higher Education* no one knows what caused the increase. Asher said she thinks aggressive ad campaigns launched by the companies that offer private loans may have contributed.

A report released in 2007 by the American Council on Education included speculation on why some students prefer private loans. One possible explanation is that students like the flashy marketing schemes and the easy application process for private loans.

It is true that applying for federal aid is a lot more work, but students who take

the easy way out will suffer in the long run, as they struggle to pay off their larger debts. It’s easy to be taken in by a company’s pitch, but students should not act on impulse, and it is no secret that a Stafford loan is often the better choice.

If more students had taken the time to do research and fully utilize their federal options, private loans might not have seen such growth. In this economic environment, the last thing students need is more debt.

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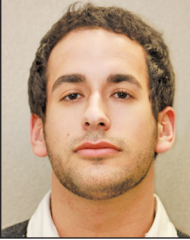
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# Confessions Of a True Camp Counselor

When we were kids, the summer was a time full of endless free time, vacations and summer camps. Now, you're either working or being subjected to the unpaid slavery known as internships, where you further your career by being someone's bitch. As for myself, I was a camp counselor for children five to 12 years old for the third summer in a row, this year.



One of the main reasons I enjoy working with kids is that they are generally happy and don't need much of a reason to be. Do you want to know one of the reasons why they are so happy? Because they don't have to deal with relationships. Guys, do you remember when you were about six, playing Power Rangers with your friends, and some girl came up to you? You threw rocks at them until they left. You had a million more important things to worry about; the Putty Patrol wasn't going to destroy itself. I also enjoyed the fact that their lack of education also hinders their ability to dispute any false information you decide to give them. After being in the pool for a couple hours, some water came out of a kid's ear. He came up to another counselor and myself, asking if he should be worried. We told him he'd be fine but that he would never be allowed to eat candy again, and if he did, it would result in something so terrible that we couldn't even mention it in camp. He cried.

One of the downsides of the job was going to the pool for two hours. The kids had to change into their bathing suits, meaning they were naked, which resulted in me being uncomfortable. Unfortunately, kids love being naked. They don't know all the cool stuff you can do whilst being naked, but they get the general idea that it's enjoyable.

When we were in the pool, the kids would climb all over me. Neglecting the fact that I can feel pain, they would dig their nails into me if they were falling off. This caused me to have deep, long scratches on my back and neck, similar to those a rapist would have. I could see people looking at them suspiciously while I was at a pool or beach, but I don't believe saying "you don't understand, these are from children" would have helped.

I had to watch a lot of children's movies as well, and realized that some of them are much darker than I recalled. Take "All Dogs Go To Heaven," for instance — do you remember why the dog goes to heaven? Perhaps you were thinking it was because he was accidentally hit by a car or died from old age. Actually, the dog had a severe gambling problem, which caused him to owe a great deal of money to the K-9 equivalent of the mob. After repeatedly not paying up, the mob got the dog wasted, put him at the end of a dock and hit him with a car.

This job also made me decide that hopeful parents should have to pass some sort of an exam before being allowed to procreate. When parents came to pick up their kids, we required that they showed their ID, for obvious reasons. Sometimes parents would leave it in the car, and instead of going to get it, they thought the best solution would be to yell at me for not letting someone with no identification take a child. This would anger the parents, and they would often insist that we check IDs when the kid is dropped off, and not doing so was endangering their child.

Right, like some pedophile is going to abduct your child and then drop him off at camp.

Although I had fun the last three summers, I think my time with the camp has passed. Spending eight hours a day entertaining children may frighten some, but it's really not that bad. Despite what people say, kids can be pretty cool if you don't have to feed them or pay for them.

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# THE TAXICAB PROFESSION



RACHEL DOZIER/The Breeze

Taxicabs provide a safe way of getting home on the weekend. While waiting for a cab can be frustrating, students rarely think about it from the driver's perspective.

By RACHEL DOZIER  
The Breeze

Zippering through the familiar streets of Harrisonburg amid shouting dispatchers and a constantly ringing cell phone is just a night on the job for JMU senior Qais Kirmani. This pre-med major from Pakistan works hard to balance his academics with his late-night job. Kirmani is the only student taxicab driver for ABC Cab, a local business his brother and father began a few years ago. Weekend life is notorious at JMU and few have heard more stories than Kirmani. The first thing he wants to know when students enter the cab is how their nights went and if they got into trouble. This is no fake concern or small talk — Kirmani knows 60 percent to 70 percent of his weekend calls. Discussions included classes, "Dude you got to help me out with physiology," and mutual friends' birthdays, "Yo, it's Maddy's birthday? I'm going to hit her up." Kirmani is

commonly referred to as "the man." This title is bestowed upon him mostly because he doesn't view cab driving as a job. "It's not all about the money for me, it's fun," Kirmani said. "JMU has good, fun-loving kids who are tired and just want a way to get home. The worst part of my job is not being able to take everyone in the cab, to help them all out." Though the mood in the cab changes with each new passenger, almost every student is just grateful to have a ride home. "A DUI is a thousand times more expensive than cab fare," said Alex Kent, a JMU senior. And for some it's more than just a cab ride. "My experience at JMU is quantified by the cab rides I've taken, especially those special times with Qais," junior Mike West said. "Those

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## Taxi Etiquette:

### Think ahead

Know how many stops, where they are, and who is paying

### Be courteous

If you call more than one cab company make sure you cancel the other ride

### Ask permission

If you want to smoke or talk on the phone in the cab, ask first

### Bring cash

Though most cabs take credit cards, cash is preferred

### Drivers are people too

Remember cab drivers have probably had a longer night than you

information compiled by  
STEPHANIE MAGUIRE/contributing writer

**"We Love You, You're The Best, We're Drunk"** — a group of female passengers

# Slammin' at the Jam: Students Speak Their Mind



DAN GORIN/The Breeze

Helena D. Lewis of "Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry" hosted Thursday night's show in the Festival Ballroom.

By LINDSAY HOLT  
contributing writer

"Spit," "spew," "slam." Harsh words for a beautiful performance. JMU got a taste of the edgy art form of slam poetry at the Def Poetry Jam on Thursday night. The event, held in Festival Ballroom, was organized by the Center for Multicultural Student Services (CMSS) and hosted by Kraal "Kayo" Charles, the famous slammer from HBO's hit series, "Def Poetry Jam." Charles was accompanied by performers from Urbintel, Inc., a company he created in 2004. During the open mic preceding the Def Poetry Jam, JMU students performed their own work dealing with a variety of topics from children's games to the plight of females. "Music today is so caught up in material objects," said performer, Quintrel Lenore. "I try uplifting my culture, women, just talk about anything. I'm fairly new at it, but

I'm still passionate about it." Brittany Suit, another open mic performer and member of JMU's own spoken word organization, Word is Born Society, said she was relatively new at slam poetry. "It was very scary to get into it because I wasn't sure if I was doing it right," she said. "But then I realized there's really no way to do it right, you just do you." Poets spewed on education, societal pressures, politics and the loss of friends and family. The rhyme and rhythm seemed effortless, though it sometimes took weeks or months to memorize and prepare. After Charles kicked off the Jam, Helena D. Lewis, the first performer stole the show with engaging antics often centered around her new shoes. Lewis forced the audience to interact by directly conversing, clapping and call and response, which created a tight-knit, personal vibe in the show. "That's the beauty of art," said Valerie Ghant, director of CMSS. "It opens up new avenues of

entertainment and talent to the whole world." Charles has performed at JMU since 2001. His first tour group was called "Her Story." It featured four women of different ethnic backgrounds talking about living in America as women of the times. It was so successful, that he later created its male counterpart, "Male Ego," and then "Word Out," featuring gay, lesbian and bisexual performers. Urbintel now does workshops in Harlem and Long Island, N.Y., for poetry and theater. Lewis was followed by Simply Rob, Ben Crossan and Tahani Salah. Each performer had their own style and their subjects tapped into their personal lives to deliver hard-hitting poems. "I think there's a bright future there for poetry," Charles said. "People are worried that it will be bastardized the more commercial it gets... but there will always be some kind of purity to it, a core group that will follow a certain way to do poetry."

## Meet the Dukes

Sophomore guard Roane Babington autographs 8-year-old Austin Burkett's football team poster on Meet the Dukes Day. The event took place Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bridgeforth Stadium. Fans had the opportunity to watch a free intra-squad scrimmage. Sophomore wide receiver Kerby Long and sophomore weak safety Jonathan Williams both scored touchdowns during the scrimmage. Meet the Dukes Day also had an inflatable moonbounce, a caricaturist and Rosie the Clown painted the faces of young fans. The Dukes' first home game is Sept. 19 against the Virginia Military Institute. The team is ranked sixth in The Sports Network's preseason poll.



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# Rob Zombie Kills *Halloween II*

By **ELISHA VOTRUBA**  
contributing writer

“I cannot stop until I’m certain he’s dead.”

This infamous quote from the original “Halloween II,” filmed in 1981, marked the beginning of Michael Myers’ reign as the killer who could not be killed. However, in the newly released remake of Rick Rosenthal’s cult classic, Rob Zombie finally managed to put an end to Myers’ malevolent killing spree.

Unfortunately, along with the infamous killer, he also destroyed any fear or respect that “Halloween” fans once had felt. The only cinematic accomplishment Rob Zombie can lay claim to is satisfying the appetites of those craving innovative and particularly grisly slaughter scenes.

Zombie ruined the image viewers had of one of the most famous Hollywood serial killers of all time. However, in the original “Halloween” movies, Myers stalked silently, devoid of all rage and emotion. In this botched remake, Myers (Tyler Mane) is transformed into more of a savage animal than a killer. He is nearly hysteric as he needlessly destroys furniture, buildings and bodies and even eats the heart of a dog.

## Halloween II

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**STARRING** Tyler Mane, Scout Taylor-Compton, Sheri Moon Zombie

It wasn’t just Myers’ prey that Rob Zombie tortured and maimed with his “visionary” writing. Along with dozens of victims (nearly all of them depicted as ignorant white trash, earning no sympathy from the audience) he also butchered the plot line of this once revolutionary film to something far beyond recognition.

Myers hallucinates throughout the movie that his dead mother and his child version are instructing him to commit gut-wrenching murders in order to somehow stitch his family together.

These maudlin moments with his mother were perhaps a poor attempt to humanize Myers and build a deeper connection between the audience and him.

It instead transformed Myers into a farcical mockery of the nightmarish sociopath he once was.

At least a third of the movie takes place during the nightmare sequences of the traumatized Laurie Strode, Myer’s estranged sister (Scout Taylor-Compton). It leaves audience members lost, wondering which scenes were flashbacks and which were fabricated in Laurie’s deranged mind.

Her fantasies suggest that not only is there a deep-rooted psychic connection between Laurie and Myers, but that the hallucinations actually exist in some paranormal realm and have physical effects on the real world.

What these phantoms are, what their intentions are, and if they exist or are just projected characters of Myer’s imagination is never made clear in the movie.

No matter what Zombie’s inspiration was for such a risky and disastrous plot element, it would have better suited a made-for-TV sci fi flick than a Hollywood film.

This movie is perfect if you enjoy conversations about necrophilia and dream sequences that do nothing more than add nearly 40 minutes of gore (and a handful of bare breasts) to an already painfully slow movie.

If not, wait for Redbox to release it. Although spending a dollar on this film may be asking a bit too much.

# TAXI | Student Driver Embraces Position

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rides make me feel as if I’ve learned something about society as a whole.”

Kirmani attributes his popularity to his ability to relate to students.

“I’m a student myself,” he said. “I take classes and go out as well, so I know how it can be to wait for a cab.”

Though he’s witnessed a few brawls while inside the over 20 cab cars he’s driven Kirmani said it’s never been too dangerous. He’s said that “once in a blue moon someone pukes in the cab,” but for the most part, “JMU’s a pretty good place. Students know how to handle themselves. They’re good people who were brought up well.”

Despite the general good nature of the student body, nightlife for a cab driver can be stressful. Hearing shouts from students standing on the street, while taking tons of calls and trying to keep up conversation in the cab can be a daunting task.

However, Kirmani wouldn’t have it any other way.

“The best part of my job is direct interaction with people,” Kirmani

said. And interacting is his specialty. One of Kirmani’s favorite things to do is joke around with some of his regulars and friends.

As a friend and regular passenger climbed into Kirmani’s car, a sarcastic and light-hearted conversation followed.

“Sunchase, man.”

“What if I don’t take you there? What are you going to do then?”

“Haha, you know where the Annex is right?”

“No, I’ve never lived here or anything.”

Kirmani’s charm and amiable nature make his cab a reliable weekend favorite for JMU students.

“He’s just quick,” West said. “It’s not like a cab ride; it’s like a joyride.”

Fortunately most students value this “joyride” over driving intoxicated, making Kirmani’s job a commendable service to the JMU community. And he wouldn’t have it any other way.

“People complain about dealing with drunk students, but these guys are my friends. I’m happy to help them out,” Kirmani said.



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## GAMES This Week

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**Rider @ JMU**  
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**Liberty @ JMU**  
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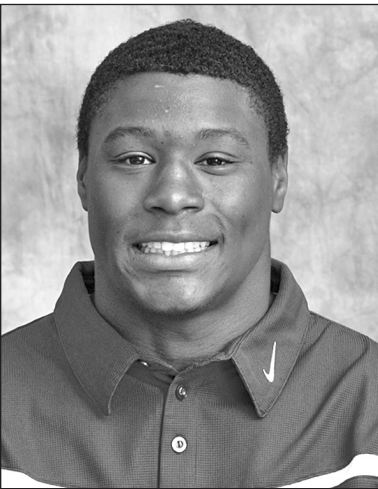
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**Hampton @ JMU**  
Saturday, 12:00 p.m.

**St. Francis (Pa.) @ JMU**  
Saturday, 7:00 p.m.

**FIELD HOCKEY»**  
**Wake Forest @ JMU**  
Sunday, 1:00 p.m.

## Meet the Player



**Earl Watford**  
JMU Football  
redshirt freshman  
Philadelphia, Pa.

**Where's your favorite place to eat on campus and what do you like to get there?**  
Dukes, I love the Madison Club, but the pizza is good, too. Best pizza on campus.

**Who has been your favorite professor at JMU?**  
April Rawl. She was my GCOM teacher.

**Any hobbies besides football?**  
Well, we don't really have any time for hobbies because football takes up a lot of our time. I guess school-work would be a hobby of mine because it's the only other thing I have time for. However, I like to draw; I'm a pretty good artist.

**Major?**  
SMAD, but I haven't picked a concentration yet.

**Any relationships?**  
I do have a girlfriend.

**How about your favorite food from back home?**  
I like homemade pancakes.

**Favorite movie?**  
"Pulp Fiction" is a favorite movie of mine. I also want to see "Inglourious Basterds."

## JMU Men's Basketball Announces Schedule

Dukes Slated to Play at Ohio State, at Stanford and in ESPN BracketBusters Event in 2009-10 Season

By **DAN LOBDELL**  
*The Breeze*

With four players from Ohio on the roster this season, JMU men's basketball opener at Ohio State will be an unofficial homecoming. The Dukes, who released their schedule last week, open against the Buckeyes in Columbus on Nov. 12.

Sophomores Julius Wells and Devon Moore and freshmen Trevon Flores and Eric Beard are Ohio natives. Each will be playing in front of their family

and friends as Madison starts its season in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

"Our players recognize that Ohio State is great," JMU coach Matt Brady said. "They're not trying to prove something. If we win the game it would be a nationally recognized outcome. But I think early in college basketball there's a lot of upsets so who's to say what's gonna happen the first week?"

After the Ohio homecoming, JMU plays three games in four days in Miami, Fla. The Dukes will face Murray State, Florida International and

North Carolina Central. Madison will face new head coach and NBA Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas in his first season with FIU.

"I'd feel a lot differently if Isiah was playing in the game," Brady said. "But since he's coaching in the game, I'm really concerned with the level of players he brought in. We're catching them early, with a new coach, a new system, with a lot of new players, so it might be a good time to play them."

After ending play in the Classic, the Dukes play five of their next seven

games at home, highlighted by Radford, who made its NCAA tournament debut in March. The Dukes defeated Radford 85-81 on the road last season.

Those games set up perhaps the second toughest game on the team's schedule, at Stanford. The game in Palo Alto, Calif., takes place on Dec. 29 and is the team's last foe before the main conference schedule begins. Stanford finished 20-14 last season.

see **BASKETBALL**, page 10

## Julien Scores 5, Dukes Win 2

*Senior Forward Corky Julien Scored 2 Goals in the 5-1 Victory Over the Xavier Musketeers Friday and Scored All Three Goals in the 3-0 Shutout Over the Bucknell Bison Sunday*

By **ALEX VAN REES**  
contributing writer

The JMU women's soccer team, led by senior forward Corky Julien, shut out the Bucknell Bison Sunday 3-0, lifting them to an undefeated weekend.

Julien scored all three goals of the game while the Dukes defense did the rest. JMU won both of its games this weekend in the JMU/Comfort Inn Harrisonburg Invitational soccer tournament.

"I felt very good today," Julien said. "I felt loose and I wasn't too overly nervous for the game. I was just ready to get here and play them as hard as I could."

The first half was back-and-forth for the most part. The Dukes scored once on seven shots while the Bison were held scoreless on two shots. JMU junior goalkeeper Diane Wszalek had one save and Bucknell's senior goalkeeper Kathryn Sutton had three.

"We have been working on getting into our rhythm as a team," JMU coach David Lombardo said. "I think that that really came through this weekend, and we're ready for our upcoming games."

Thirteen minutes into the second half, Julien scored her second goal of the day. Not even a minute later, she completed the hat trick. This weekend, she scored five of JMU's eight goals.

"This game was important because it is helping us to build our confidence," Julien said. "Our main goal right now is to get our confidence up for when we play the better teams in our conference."

The Dukes took a 3-0 lead with about 30 minutes left in the game and did not surrender a goal. JMU shot 13 times, scoring twice. The Bison shot twice.

"The results were obviously not what we were looking for, but we did some things both offensively and defensively that we are proud of," said Bucknell assistant coach Laura Kane. "We played better than we did on Friday against Towson."

With the win, the women are now 2-1 on the season, while Bucknell dropped to 0-2. Both JMU and Towson won their games this weekend while Bucknell and Xavier dropped both of theirs.

"Well, I think it's very important because in our non-conference games we don't have a lot of automatic wins. We have to go out and earn them," Lombardo said. "We showed that we can play great defense and put up some goals."

The Dukes' next game is 4 p.m. Wednesday at Georgetown against the Hoyas.



DAVID CASTERLINE/The Breeze

**Senior forward Corky Julien dominated Sunday's game against Bucknell, recording a hat trick (three goals) in the 3-0 victory. It was the second hat trick of her career. Julien was selected the CAA's 2009 preseason Player of the Year. The Canadian national team member now has five goals for the season and is second all-time on JMU's career goals list with 35.**

<b>JMU/COMFORT INN HARRISONBURG INVITATIONAL »</b>	<b>Friday</b> Towson 4, Bucknell 1 JMU 5, Xavier 1	<b>Sunday</b> Towson 2, Xavier 1 JMU 3, Bucknell 0
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<b>JMU ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM SELECTIONS »</b>	<b>Senior Corky Julien</b> <b>Junior Teresa Rynier</b> <b>Junior Cate Tisinger</b> <b>Sophomore Jessica Barndt</b>
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## WEEKEND ACTION

### VOLLEYBALL»

The James Madison University volleyball team brought home a 1-2 record from the Comfort Inn and Suites Volleyball Classic at Morehead State University in Kentucky.

Madison got swept in its season-opening game by the host school, losing each set worse than the previous one. The Dukes lost 25-23, 25-17, 25-15 to the Eagles on Friday.

Freshman outsider hitter Danielle Erb led JMU with seven kills, seven digs and four blocks in her first ever NCAA match.

The Dukes rebounded in their second match against East Tennessee State later that day, winning three sets to one. Madison won two straight sets to break a 1-1 tie and earn the victory.

Junior setter Lauren Fanelli set the pace in JMU's win (25-20, 18-25, 25-20, 25-22). In her first career match as the primary setter, the Pennsylvania native ended with 47 assists.

"It was really a whole different mentality the second match," said junior outsider hitter Lindsay Callahan. "Much more fire, much more confident in the second match."

JMU's final match of the tournament was a roller coaster, as the Dukes fell to Chattanooga in five sets. Chattanooga took a commanding two-set lead (25-20, 25-19) before Madison began clawing back.

JMU coach Disa Garner's squad fought its way back to tie the match at

four sets apiece, winning sets three and four by scores of 25-22 and 25-19.

It looked as though JMU would complete the comeback when it led 13-7 in the deciding set, but the Mocs went on an 8-0 run to win the set 15-13 and the match 3-2.

"I think we've already done a lot of things this year that wouldn't have happened last year," Callahan said. "Getting people to perform under pressure is something that we definitely need to work on right now."

Erb led the Dukes on the weekend with 40 kills, was second on the team with 25 digs and second with 11 blocks.

Next up on the schedule, the Dukes will host the Days Inn/JMU Invitational this weekend. Hampton and St. Francis (Pa.) will open the invitational at 5 p.m. and JMU will follow playing Duquesne at 7 p.m.

### FIELD HOCKEY»

The 12th ranked JMU field hockey team opened its season Saturday with a 1-0 shut out victory against 18th ranked Ohio State. That goal came from freshman midfielder Vivienne Konijnendijk, her first career goal.

The Dukes defeated Kent State on Sunday 3-2. Freshman forward Tori Lindsey scored two goals and sophomore back Lindsay Cutchins scored one goal.

—staff reports

## JMU Sophomore Wins Brawley Fight Title



TIM CHAPMAN/The Breeze

**Sophomore Herman Brar took the 155-pound Brawley Fights title at Saturday's Mixed Martial Arts "Brawl in the Cage 5" at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. He'll have surgery on Wednesday to repair a fractured orbital. He won by technical knockout and inflated his amateur career record to 3-1.**



# BASKETBALL | Dukes to Open Conference Play Against Georgia State



Senior guard Pierre Curtis led the team in steals (51) and played more minutes than any Duke in 2008-09.

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and lost in the semifinals of the College Basketball Invitational, a three-year old postseason tournament.

On Feb. 20, JMU also plays in the ESPN BracketBusters event for the fourth year in a row. BracketBusters was started in 2003 by ESPN to give mid-majors and possible NCAA tournament teams national exposure and a chance to play similar caliber teams. The opponent for that game will not be named until late January.

Dec. 5 marks the opening of the conference schedule when Georgia State travels to Madison. JMU ends conference play at home against Drexel on Feb. 27. JMU will play some Colonial

Athletic Association opponents twice, including Old Dominion, Towson, William & Mary, George Mason, Drexel and Virginia Commonwealth. Madison held a combined 7-7 record against those teams last season.

JMU played William & Mary, George Mason and Old Dominion three times each a year ago. Madison's second win against William & Mary clinched the school's first winning record in eight seasons. Its third win against the Tribe was the Dukes first CAA tournament win since 2002.

JMU's only win against George Mason was a 68-66 win at the Convocation Center on Feb. 7. That victory snapped a 10-game losing streak against the Patriots.

After splitting the first two games versus Old Dominion by scores of 70-62 (W) and 80-74 (L), the rubber match came in the semifinals of the CollegeInsider.com Tournament. That game ended Madison's season on a sour note in an 81-43 blow-out by the Monarchs.

The loss against the Norfolk school brought JMU's season record to 21-15. Madison averaged 70.6 points-per-game in the 36 games while allowing 68.5 per-game.

The Dukes will face this 31-game regular season schedule without their top two scorers from last season. Forwards Juwann James (14.1 points-per-game) and Kyle Swanston (11.6 points-per-game) both graduated in the spring.

## 2009-10 Men's Basketball Schedule

<b>NOVEMBER</b> <b>12</b> - <i>Ohio State*</i> @ Columbus, Ohio <b>20</b> - Murray State @ Miami, Fla. <b>22</b> - Florida Int'l. @ Miami, Fla. <b>23</b> - North Carolina Central @ Miami, Fla. <b>28</b> - Maryland-Baltimore County	<b>29</b> - Stanford @ Stanford, Calif.	<b>FEBRUARY</b> <b>3</b> - Hofstra* <b>6</b> - Towson* @ Towson, Md. <b>10</b> - Old Dominion* <b>13</b> - Virginia Commonwealth* <b>16</b> - Georgia State* @ Atlanta, Ga. <b>20</b> - at BracketBusters Opponent - TBA <b>22</b> - Longwood <b>24</b> - Virginia Commonwealth* @ Richmond, Va. <b>27</b> - Drexel*
<b>DECEMBER</b> <b>2</b> - Norfolk State <b>5</b> - Georgia State* <b>12</b> - Eastern Michigan @ Ypsilanti, Mich. <b>17</b> - Gardner-Webb @ Boiling Springs, N.C. <b>19</b> - Radford <b>23</b> - Fordham	<b>JANUARY</b> <b>2</b> - Northeastern* @ Boston, Mass. <b>4</b> - Delaware* <b>6</b> - Old Dominion* @ Norfolk, Va. <b>9</b> - Towson* <b>13</b> - William & Mary* @ Williamsburg, Va. <b>16</b> - George Mason* <b>20</b> - Drexel* @ Philadelphia, Pa. <b>23</b> - UNC-Wilmington* @ Wilmington, N.C. <b>27</b> - William & Mary* <b>30</b> - George Mason* @ Fairfax, Va.	<b>MARCH</b> <b>5-8</b> - CAA Tournament Richmond, Va.  <i>*Italics denotes CAA play</i>

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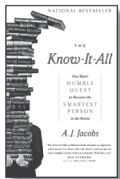
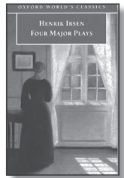
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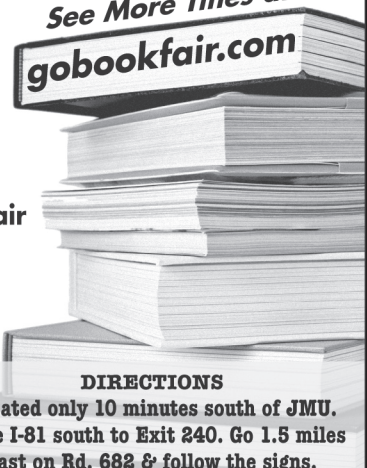
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